

Latin Names Needed.

What is called a cruller in New York is called a doughnut in Boston, and what is called a cruller in Boston is called a doughnut in New York. And so on through the list. There is no more certainty or fixity about the popular names of dishes than there is about the popular names of flowers and birds. At least thirty different flowers are known by the name of "mayflower" in the United States. The mayflower of New England is the arbutus of New York and the wax myrtle of the south. To obtain certainty in such matters it is necessary to have a scientific classification and a Latin name. When you speak to a botanical geat about a "mayflower" he knows not what you mean, but if you refer to the Epigaea repens he knows exactly what you are talking about. Consequently we shall never have any certainty about what a dish is until we have a regular scientific classification, with Latin names, for all dishes. In that case the "botanical name" of Vermont hasty pudding would be something like mushus cornmealensis and no chance for controversy.—New York Mail.

A Long Way to the Other One.

Count Karolyi, according to the Vossische Zeitung, returning to his castle in Hungary, met one of his old servants who had just been sent back wounded from the war.

"My good man, I hear you fought so valiantly at the front," said the count. "I would like to give you some reward. What shall it be?"

The old servant replied:

"Well, if you insist upon it, sir, just give me enough krown coins to reach from one ear to the other."

"That seems to be a very little reward," replied the count, smiling at the old request.

"It's enough for me, sir," answered the servant modestly.

As the count was beginning to comply with the strange request he noticed that the servant had only one ear and remarked upon the fact.

"Yes, sir. I left the other ear on the battlefield at Shabatz," answered the modest man.

Fire Averages.

Following is an extract from an article in Farm and Fireside on preventing and fighting fires:

Fires in our homes are so frequent that the insurance companies tell us that we have about one chance in sixty of being burnt out some time in the course of a lifetime. But in the same breath they tell us that more than half the fires could be prevented if people understood the commonest causes of them and knew just what to do when a fire starts. Smokers are responsible for thousands of fires, and rats and mice cause many others by nibbling at sulphur tipped matches. Fires which start in closets are often caused by matches being left in clothes or by oily cloths which have been stored away. Many of the floor polishing mixtures contain highly explosive oils, and spontaneous combustion may start from a nest of these cleaning cloths if placed in a closet near the chimney.

Pigs' Feet in the Pit.

Salaries at the early New York theaters were extremely small. But if the salaries were small so were the prices of admission. One shilling, 12½ cents, let you into the gallery or the pit, and if you didn't have the shilling the mercenary management forced you to pay 12 cents. So the boys got the habit of changing their money at a fishwoman's on the corner, who for 15 cents obligingly gave them a shilling and a pig's foot. They handed in the shilling at the door and during the course of the evening presented the well picked bone to the management by way of some unfortunate in the pit or on the stage.

An Easier Method.

Not Handsome but Wealthy Bride (asking the question for the hundredth time or thereabouts)—Are you sure, perfectly sure, dear Albert, that you married me for myself alone, and not for my money? Dear Albert (who is getting somewhat weary of answering the same old chestnut)—Of course I am! If it had been only my money I wanted I would have tried burglary or some easier way of getting it.

Mean Answer.

"Fred, dear, why are some women called Amazons?"

"Well, my dear, you remember our geographies told us that the Amazon has the largest mouth?"

But she went out and slammed the door before he could say any more.

Breed Hint.

Henry—My, my, how you've grown since I've been calling on your sister Mrs. Johnnie—Sure. She says she guesses I'll be a voter before you get around to propose.—Boston Record.

Light Reading.

Booklover—Have you something for light reading? Librarian—Yes, ma'am. Here's the gas company's annual report.—Buffalo Express.

A Warning.

Today the boy who is sassing mother will grow up and marry a woman who will not stand for any port talk.—New Orleans States.

Layers.

Knicker—Of what is society composed? Bocker—The under dog, the mid-dleman and the man higher up.—New York Sun.

Duty is the only tabernacle within which a man can always make his home on the transfiguration mountain.—Phillips Brooks.

Quaint Old Harvard Rules.

Quaint rules and customs regulated class days at Harvard university in the seventeenth century, for in 1651 the overseers ordered that the president "from time to time commend it to the parents and guardians of the students that commence that they provide not above one gallon of wine for a student, judging it to be sufficient for that occasion." In 1693, "the corporation having been informed that the custom taken up in the college for the commencing to have plum cake is dishonorable to the college, not grateful to wise men and chargeable to the parents of the commencing, do therefore put an end to that custom." In 1727 a private commencement was determined upon and was observed for several years, but was not a success. The laws of 1734 provided that "no commencing shall have at his chambers any plum cake, plain cake or pies or hot meats of any kind except what is left of the dinner in the hall or any brandy, rum or distilled liquors or composition made with any of them."

Modern Necessities.

"One of the reasons for the cost of living," observes a wise clubman, "lies in the fact that people buy wholly unnecessary things. I had a conversation with the proprietor of a novelty shop in Fifth avenue a few days ago. A shiny object had attracted my attention, and I inquired about its use."

"Those," said the proprietor, "are gilded pincers to pick up letters one has placed on the letter scales."

"And that ivory stick, carved and forked at the end?"

"People use that to fish out things they have dropped into canfesa."

"That square of morocco about the size of a nut; what is that for?"

"That's a tampon—used to press down stamps after sticking them on envelopes."

"That ornamental box with a whole battery of little brushes?"

"Those are to clean other brushes; brushes to clean hairbrushes, brushes to clean toothbrushes."—New York Post.

Stratagem Versus Perfidy.

The laws of war have always distinguished sharply between stratagem and perfidy. It is a legitimate stratagem to send bogus signals and telegraph messages and bogus dispatches or newspapers, to be intercepted by the enemy; to make use of the enemy's signals, bugle calls, watchwords and words of command or to clothe the men of a single unit in the uniform of several units, so that the prisoners and dead may give the idea of a large force.

On the other hand, it is perfidy to take advantage of the enemy by deliberate lying or deception when there is a moral obligation to speak the truth. It would be perfidy, for instance, to pretend an armistice when none had been agreed on, to break a suspension of arms by surprise, to violate a safe conduct or any other truce or agreement, to fire on the enemy's uniform.—London Opinion.

The Red Sea Route.

When Napoleon invaded Egypt by way of Suez he attempted to cross the Red sea at the spot assigned by tradition to the crossing of the Children of Israel. He and his horsemen, however, seem, unintentionally, to have imitated Pharaoh rather than Moses, for they came very near to being drowned. According to French accounts, Napoleon saved his army by the presence of mind, ordering his cavalry to scatter in every direction to multiply the chances of coming on shallow water, and thus finding a line by which he and his people were extricated. The people of Suez, says Kinglake, declare that Napoleon lost his horse, got thoroughly submerged and was only fished ashore by the assistance of the natives.—London Standard.

Ancient Origin of Military Salute.

When did the military salute come into use? It certainly dates from the earlier half of the fifteenth century, says the St. James' Gazette. In the "Speculum Humanae Salvationis," which was issued before the invention of printing by movable types, there is an exceedingly quaint illustration in which Abraham is represented as saluting Melchisedec. The patriarch is in medieval armor and apparently on guard, and it would seem that Melchisedec is bringing him refreshments of water, and the salute is distinctly the military one still in use.

Bunkum.

Politicians are prone to talk "bunkum." And we so call it because when a member speaking in the United States congress was interrupted by the others leaving, he said: "Never mind, I'm talking to Buncombe," meaning Buncombe county, N. C., whence he came.

Not Too Early.

Father (sternly)—Elizabeth, you know I don't believe in early marriages. Daughter (sweetly and joyfully)—Why, neither do Harold and I. We've decided on high noon.—The K.

Against His Will.

New Parson—And what is your husband, Mrs. Brown? Mrs. Brown—Well, sir, he ain't exactly a policeman, but he goes with 'em a good deal.—London Tatler.

Your Own Faults.

Most of us are quick enough at seeing what we have to put up with from others, but we forget what others have to put up with from us.

Each day is the scholar of yesterday.—Syrus.

War and Counterfeits.

Prior to Napoleon's 1812 campaign the Paris gendarmes one night made a raid on a house in the Plaine Montrouge and discovered quite a fine manufactory of false notes. There was quite a stir next day when the police minister made the announcement that the manufactory had been started "by order of the emperor." The false notes, which were Austrian and Russian instead of French, were intended for use against the enemy on the Russian expedition, but the bulk of them came to grief during the great retreat.

Wellington was responsible for a similar stroke of business during the peninsular war. Being badly in need of gold when about to invade France, he conceived the queer idea of hunting out some counterfeit coiners from the ranks. Quite a number of these gentry were forthcoming, and these were ordered by the duke to exercise their evil art by transferring his English sovereigns into louis d'or and napoleons.—London Globe.

The Stronger Hand.

If you are right handed, then the right hand is stronger than the left. If you are left handed the left hand will be stronger. If you are truly ambidextrous the strength of both hands will be equal. The advantage of one hand over the other is due to the greater exercise it may receive. All the muscles of our arms and legs are developed by exercise, and their respective strength will be in accordance with their use. That the right hand is stronger than the left can be proved by discontinuing the use of the right arm for several weeks by tying it to the side of your body. When you release the arm you will find that much of its strength is gone and that now the left hand is stronger. This applies to a right handed person, and the test would work the other way with a left handed person. This goes to show that the strength of hands and arms is unconsciously affected by the amount of rational exercise.—Exchange.

Our Mineral Wealth.

The United States is not only the world's greatest producer of mineral wealth, but it possesses by far the greatest known reserve of any nation in most of the important minerals. This is one of the things that has made us great and which is destined to make us far greater as measured by world standards. In some instances, such as coal and oil and phosphate rock and radium ore, the United States possesses more than all the other known deposits of the world, and the only essential minerals of the first rank of which the United States has no known supply at all commensurate with its needs are nitrates, potash salts, tin, nickel and platinum. But as it stands today no other nation in the world so nearly approaches absolute independence in respect to mineral resources, notwithstanding the vast magnitude of our home consumption.—Review of Reviews.

The Professions.

The census has provided us with a definition of "the professions." A good many folk have wondered a good many times what the "professional classes" were. The census has decided. They constitute—

Actors. Architects, designers, draftsmen, etc. Artists and teachers of art. Clergymen (including religious and charity workers). Dentists. Journalists. Lawyers (including abstractors, notaries and justices of peace). Literary and scientific persons. Musicians and teachers of music. Physicians and surgeons (including nonmedical healers). Schoolteachers, professors in colleges, etc.—New York Press.

The Earth's Shadow.

The earth has a shadow, but few ever see it except in eclipses of the moon. Nevertheless, many of us have noticed on fine, cloudless evenings in summer, shortly before sunset, a rosy or pink arc on the horizon opposite the sun, with a bluish gray segment under it. As the sun sinks the arc rises until it attains the zenith and even passes it. This is the shadow of the earth.

Language Mixed.

"That," said the physician, as he examined the lump on the man's neck, "is the remains of an old boil that started to come and then became encysted there."

"Well," said the unlettered patient, "it sure has encysted on stayin' there."—Chicago Post.

Early Writing Implements.

When writing Confucius used a small brush, like a camel's hair brush, for a pen, and so did his ancestors for centuries before his time. The reed came into use for writing in the marshy countries of the orient. It was hollow and cut in short lengths.

Lucky Dog.

"She calls her dog and her husband by the same pet name. It must cause frequent confusion."

"Not at all. She always speaks gently to the dog."—Jugend.

Indiscreet.

Mamie—That Mrs. Flipp is a great matchmaker, isn't she? Tessie—I used to think so until she bought her red haired husband a purple necktie.—Judge.

Airy About It.

Jack—It's a fine air castle you've built. How do you propose to get into it—by airship? Tom—No; by balloon.—Boston Transcript.

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If the general use of cotton is necessary to the country's welfare the public may even be reconciled to the reappearance of the old fashioned calico dress.—Washington Star.

A fashion note predicts the decline of the slim girl, but we can't see how the slim girl, as we have known her recently, can decline much further without disintegrating entirely.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Pert Personals.

Among the unaccounted for are Doc Cook and Victoriano Huerta.—Baltimore American.

Doubtless if the Boston fans had their way it would be Johnny Forevers.—Pittsburgh Press.

General von Kluck should be able to land a nice postmastership when this wretched business is over.—Columbia State.

John Lind, it is said, is "resting in a sanitarium." Perhaps it will be learned when he comes out that he has recovered his voice.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Royal Box.

King George of England employs 1,000 servants.

The wife of the crown prince of Sweden is the Princess of Connaught, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, present governor general of the Dominion of Canada.

Born in 1868, the present czar ascended the throne in 1904 and a month later married Princess Alexandra Alix, daughter of Ludwig IV., grand duke of Hesse, by whom he has four daughters and a son.

State Lines.

Pennsylvania mines one-tenth of the world's coal.

Wisconsin has 10,000,000 acres awaiting settlement.

Indiana this year has had one fire for every 435 inhabitants.

The forests of Florida contain 175 different kinds of wood.

Virginia furnishes about 95 per cent of our supply of soapstone.

Last year California recorded one marriage every seventeen minutes.

SHORT AND SHARP.

When money talks it never lacks an audience.

Wealth doesn't bring happiness, neither does poverty.

Arkansas is Arkansas, but Warsaw is not spelled Warsaw.

Though you have money, you cannot buy what is not to sell.

Everything must be at sea when the nations can't even float a loan.

When bad news travels it always throws on the high speed lever.

Lots of royal kinsmen in Europe now do not speak to one another.

The European situation is a reminder that cousins frequently quarrel.

Some men are like mules—they have no kicks coming; they are all going.

Many a politician has found it easier to make a record than to explain it.

Belgium is bitterly opposed to being the international cemetery of Europe.

Europe will find the bread box is more vital than the ammunition chest.

The colleges' courses in European history will all have to be changed this fall.

Some people's curiosity is as crooked as the interrogation point that goes with it.

The great decisive victory will be won when General Starvation takes command.

However, war has its compensations. Several poets have been sent to the front.

Anyway, Holland should have no trouble in placing her enemies on the water wagon.

America is at present enjoying a supremacy based on plowshares rather than on swords.

It takes a good deal of care at the spigot to save a waste of \$50,000,000 a day at the bung.

A great many actors are said to be stranded abroad. Just as many are that way over here.

No doubt it is worrying the czar a great deal these days to know whether his Poles are negative.

They were so successful in localizing the war in Europe that pretty much every locality gets some of it.

When this war is over there probably will be no complaint for some time that Europe is overpopulated.

To say that the unexpected always happens is merely to confess our ignorance of what ought to be expected.

As war is expensive Canada is probably sending those million bags of flour so that England may have the dough.

What is the use of talking about the horrors of war when an army retreats in automobiles?

"Millions for relief!" is almost a better cry than the familiar one of "millions for defense!"

A lady writer claims crime is rare among actors, but perhaps she has never seen some of them act.

Pockets for skirts are predicted. In which case hubby may be able to recoup himself if he can find the pocket.

Judging by recent financing, we are willing to lend Europe money on the condition that it doesn't try to take it away.

An insurance company in London is taking wagers on the length of the world war. There are men who would bet on a funeral if they had a chance.

For the first time in 214 years a spy has been shot in the tower of London. Incidentally, that is about as far back as the war has thrown European civilization.

Short Stories.

More than 800 Americans live in Barcelona, Spain.

Heligoland was at one time the Green of north Europe.

A gravity railroad will take visitors around the Panama exposition.

The crater of an ancient volcano, in which there are numerous hot springs, is utilized as a sanitarium in Japan.

To help the cotton situation in the south the members of the Indiana Equal Suffrage association have voted to wear only cotton stockings so long as the war in Europe lasts.

Pert Personals.

King Albert of Belgium seems to be living up to the ancient standard of royalty.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Dr. Wiley is seventy years old, which may explain why he's so fussy about what he eats.—Detroit Free Press.

Carranza may have his failings, but he takes the best photograph of all the Mexican leaders.—New York World.

"We now propose to render war impossible," says Mr. Carnegie. But why the delay, Andrew?—Cleveland Leader.

Town Topics.

Portland, Ore., and Portland, Me., are alike in having prohibition. Boston Herald.

New Yorkers are reported to be drinking less. The times there must be hard.—Detroit Free Press.

Philadelphia is considering the advisability of selling bread by weight. Then let Philadelphia look out for the cobbler's biscuit and the cobbler's block loaf.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.